(IID) Scheme was launched in 1994. The scheme provides for Central grant upto Rs. 2 crore for each projects (Rs. 4 crore for NE Region, HP, J & K and Uttarakhand.)

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under the IIUS to set up hubs for various sectors as the scheme aims to enhance competitiveness of existing clusters by providing quality infrastructure under PPP approach.

Railway project in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†818. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations and railway lines to be set up/laid by Government in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the specific steps Government would take to complete the old projects soon; and

(c) the action plan Government is formulating to complete the Guna-Itawah line pending since long and the amount spent on the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) 99 stations on 5 new lines in Madhya Pradesh and 6 stations on 1 new line in Chhattisgarh are proposed to be set up.

(b) The projects will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Efforts are being made to generate additional funds through Public Private Partnership, State sharing and extra funds for National Projects for expediting progress of projects.

(c) The 308 km stretch from Guna to Bhind has already been completed. Work has been taken up on Bhind- Etawah section and contracts for all the important bridges finalized. The land acquisition in Madhya Pradesh is being perused. An expenditure of Rs. 405.27 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2009. The work is likely to take about 2 years for completion.

Video/TV facilities in trains

819. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Video/TV facilities in trains;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) whether any comparative study, regarding such facilities by train service providers in other countries, have been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Broad guidelines have been issued to the Zonal Railways for installation of on board audio/video information

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

dissemination and entertainment system in trains through open tender.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Doesn't arise.

Rail coach factory at Palakkad

820. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of railway coach factory construction at Palakkad;

(b) what is the provision for this project for this year;

(c) how long it would take to start production; and

(d) how many people are employed presently to start the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) In the Budget speech of 2008-09, Hon'ble MR announced the setting up of a new Rail Coach Factory at Palghat Kerala to take care of the increasing requirement of Passenger coaches in the country. Government of Kerala has promised to make 1000 acres of land available, free of cost, for this project. Railway Board commissioned RITES for finalizing the Detailed project Report (DPR). Land earmarked by the State Government has already been inspected by RITES officials. A DPR, bringing out the product mix, investments required and other related details were submitted by M/s. RITES. It has been scrutinized in the Ministry of Railways and requisite approval are being taken.

The abstract cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 1215.76 crores.

(b) No budget provision is required at this stage.

(c) and (d) It is not feasible to furnish these details at this stage.

Coach manufacturing units in Uttar Pradesh

821. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has plan to construct a coach manufacturing unit in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including investment cost, capacity of the plant and tentative completion date of the project;

(c) whether Railways is proposing to coach manufacturing unit of M/s. Jessop in West Bangal which would involve comparatively much less investment *vis-a-vis* a green field coach factory in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?